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Dear Sirs

**NHS Merton Clinical Commissioning Group  
Financial Statements for the year ended 31 March 2016**

This representation letter is provided in connection with the audit of the financial statements of NHS Merton CCG for the year ended 31 March 2016 for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the accounting policies directed by the NHS Commissioning Board with the consent of the Secretary of State as relevant to the National Health Service in England.

We confirm that to the best of our knowledge and belief having made such inquiries as we considered necessary for the purpose of appropriately informing ourselves:

**Financial Statements**

- i As CCG Governing Body members we have fulfilled our responsibilities under the National Health Services Act 2006 for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the Department of Health Group Manual for Accounts 2015-16 (Manual for Accounts) and International Financial Reporting Standards which give a true and fair view in accordance therewith.
- ii We have complied with the requirements of all statutory directions affecting the CCG and these matters have been appropriately reflected and disclosed in the financial statements.
- iii The CCG has complied with all aspects of contractual agreements that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance. There has been no non-compliance with requirements of the Care Quality Commission or other regulatory authorities that could have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of non-compliance.

- iv We acknowledge our responsibility for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control to prevent and detect fraud.
- v Significant assumptions used by us in making accounting estimates, including those measured at fair value, are reasonable.
- vi We are satisfied that the material judgements used in the preparation of the financial statements are soundly based, in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and the Manual for Accounts, and adequately disclosed in the financial statements. There are no other material judgements that need to be disclosed.
- vii Except as disclosed in the financial statements:
  - a there are no unrecorded liabilities, actual or contingent
  - b none of the assets of the CCG has been assigned, pledged or mortgaged
  - c there are no material prior year charges or credits, nor exceptional or non-recurring items requiring separate disclosure.
- viii Related party relationships and transactions have been appropriately accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the Manual for Accounts.
- ix All events subsequent to the date of the financial statements and for which International Financial Reporting Standards and the Manual for Accounts requires adjustment or disclosure have been adjusted or disclosed.
- x We have considered the adjusted misstatements, and misclassification and disclosures changes schedules included in your Audit Findings Report. The financial statements have been amended for these misstatements, misclassifications and disclosure changes and are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- xi The financial statements are free of material misstatements, including omissions.
- xii In calculating the amount of income to be recognized in the financial statements from other NHS organisations we have applied judgement, where appropriate, to reflect the appropriate amount of income expected to be received by the CCG in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards and the Manual for Accounts.
- xiii Actual or possible litigation and claims have been accounted for and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of International Financial Reporting Standards and the Manual for Accounts.
- xiv We acknowledge our responsibility to participate in the Department of Health's agreement of balances exercise and have followed the requisite guidance and directions to do so. We are satisfied that the balances calculated for the CCG ensure the financial statements and consolidation schedules are free from material misstatement, including the impact of any disagreements.

- xv We have no plans or intentions that may materially alter the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities reflected in the financial statements.
- xvi We confirm that the financial statements have been properly considered and approved by an appropriate body in accordance with the CCG constitution.

### **Information Provided**

- xvii We have provided you with:
  - a. access to all information of which we are aware that is relevant to the preparation of the financial statements such as records, documentation and other matters;
  - b. additional information that you have requested from us for the purpose of your audit; and
  - c. unrestricted access to persons within the CCG from whom you determined it necessary to obtain audit evidence.
- xviii We have communicated to you all deficiencies in internal control of which management is aware.
- xix All transactions have been recorded in the accounting records and are reflected in the financial statements.
- xx We have disclosed to you the results of our assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud.
- xxi We have disclosed to you all our knowledge of fraud or suspected fraud affecting the CCG involving:
  - a. management;
  - b. employees who have significant roles in internal control; or
  - c. others where the fraud could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- xxii We have disclosed to you all our knowledge of any allegations of fraud, or suspected fraud, affecting the CCG's financial statements communicated by employees, former employees, regulators or others.
- xxiii We have disclosed to you all known instances of non-compliance or suspected non-compliance with laws and regulations whose effects should be considered when preparing financial statements.
- xxiv We have disclosed to you the identity of all of the CCG's related parties and all the related party relationships and transactions of which we are aware.
- xxv We have disclosed to you all known actual or possible litigation and claims whose effects should be considered when preparing the financial statements.

### **Annual Report**

xxvi The disclosures within the Annual Report fairly reflect our understanding of the CCG's financial and operating performance over the period covered by the financial statements.

**Governance Statement**

xxvii We are satisfied that the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) fairly reflects the CCG's risk assurance framework and we confirm that we are not aware of any significant risks that are not disclosed within the AGS.

**Approval**

The approval of this letter of representation was minuted by the CCG's Audit and Governance Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2016.

Yours faithfully

Name.....

Position Chief Officer .....

Date.....

Name.....

Position Governing Body Lay Member (Chair of Audit & Governance Committee)...

Date.....

**Signed on behalf of the Governing Body**